

ASH CLUB

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IF THERE IS A PLACE

... BUT I LIKE KEEPING MY
OPTIONS OPEN, YOU KNOW HOW THAT IS?
SOMETIMES THE SCHEDULING IS STRANGE BUT
I THINK SO LONG AS YOU'RE STRAIGHTFORWARD
ABOUT IT, NOBODY HAS TO FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE BEING CHEATED ON

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BUT I RAMBLE TOO MUCH—ADRIAN!
YOU'RE SO QUIET ... WE NEVER GET TO
CHAT ANYMORE!

BUT I GUESS HAVING A KID WILL
DO THAT TO YOU—YOU HAVE KEPT
AMAZINGLY FIT THOUGH, BUT SOMETIMES
I THINK IT'S EASIER FOR MARSUPIALS
TO—

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!



WHAT ABOUT RENT CONTROL?
OR THERE'S LIVING ASSISTANCE TOO,
I'M SURE—

I WAS RENT CONTROLLED
FOR A FEW MONTHS, BUT APPARENTLY THAT
DOESN'T MATTER WHEN THE RULES CHANGE,
AND THEY'RE ALWAYS CHANGING THE RULES!

AND EVEN IF WHAT MY
LANDLORD WAS DOING
WAS ILLEGAL, WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO?
WAIT SIX MONTHS FOR
THE LAW TO CATCH UP,
ON THE OFF-CHANCE I
CAN BE BLESSED WITH
THE SAME LANDLORD
WHO SCREWED ME
OVER?

WHO KEEPS A THREE
HUNDRED-DAMN-DOLLAR
DEPOSIT BECAUSE I
DON'T HAVE ANY MORE
TIME TO BUY TWELVE
DOLLARS WORTH OF
PAINT?!

AND LIVING ASSISTANCE!
YOU HAVE TO TAKE A
SECOND JOB AND
BECOME AN EXPERT
BUREAUCRAT JUST TO
GET LIVING ASSISTANCE—
AND IT'S ALWAYS THE
SAME THING!
"YOU SHOULD BE ABLE
TO AFFORD THIS",
"JUST BE SMARTER
WITH YOUR MONEY",
OR SOMETHING!

WELL I CAN'T!
I'M MEDIOCRE WITH MONEY
AT BEST, I HAVE TO POUR
SO MUCH OF MY PAYCHECK
INTO A TERRIBLE DAYCARE
I'M AFRAID AL'S GOING TO
BE KIDNAPPED FROM, I'M
EXHAUSTED ALL THE TIME,
I NEVER SEE AL AS MUCH
AS I SHOULD ...



ARE THEY
KICKING YOU
OUT?

YEAH ...
... NEXT WEEK



COME STAY AT
MY PLACE

WH-WHAT?
HILDE, I'M NOT ASKING FOR--



I DON'T LIKE SEEING YOU LIKE THIS
I DON'T LIKE SEEING ANYONE LIKE THIS,
FOR THAT MATTER
AND I DON'T MIND SHARING WHAT I HAVE

OH MY GOD--HILDE,
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!



FOR A FEW WEEKS
I'M CHARITABLE, BUT
I'M NOT RUNNING A
CHARITY
AND MY LEASE ONLY
ALLOWS VISITORS
FOURTEEN DAYS

NO, OF COURSE!
I UNDERSTAND--
OH MY GOD,
THANK YOU HILDE
I-I PROMISE
NOT TO IMPOSE!

LATER THAT AFTERNOON

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK!

CLICK

HILDE!
I DON'T THINK YOU'VE
MET ALI YET--SAY HI TO
MISS HILDEGARD!

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE

YOU REMEMBER WHAT WE TALKED
ABOUT IN THE COMMONS EARLIER,
THAT WE COULD STAY FOR A WHILE?

YEAH,
WHEN YOUR
LEASE IS UP

ABOUT THAT ...

I LIED

YOU WHAT?!

MY LEASE WAS UP TWO
DAYS AGO

WE'VE BEEN
LIVING OUT OF MY CAR
IN THE MEANTIME--

WHY DIDN'T
YOU JUST TELL
ME THAT?!

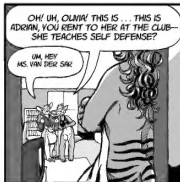
I WAS GONNA! BUT ... IT'S FUNNY, WHEN
YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN LIVING OUT OF
YOUR CAR, EVERYONE LOOKS AT YOU
LIKE YOU'RE A CRAZY BAG LADY

I WAS ... I DIDN'T KNOW
HOW YOU'D REACT.

ADRIAN--I GOT THAT,
BUT THAT'S NOT WHY--

BABE?

WHO IS THIS?





CAN YOU ...

... **PRETEND** YOU'RE
NOT HERE?



IF YOU
BUT TEACH ME
YOUR SECRETS,
O MASTER

OKAY, IT'S
NOT A PERFECT
PLAN ...



IT'S FINE--THE WALLS HERE ARE PAPER-THIN ANYHOW AND THE NEIGHBORS ALREADY HAVE A NOISY TODDLER. . . SO I'M NOT EXPECTING TOTAL SILENCE

HELP YOURSELF TO ANYTHING IN THE FRIDGE, DON'T DRINK WATER FROM THE TAP, THE WINE IS OFF LIMITS, AND IF YOU NEED, THE PUBLIC BATHROOM IS RIGHT DOWN THE HALL

I SAW THEM HILDE



THANKS FOR DOING ALL THIS

IT IS **NOT** A PROBLEM

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A DEAR AND I'D HATE TO SEE YOU GO . .



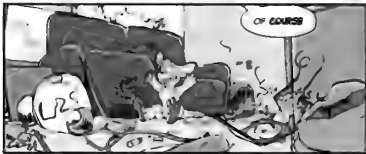
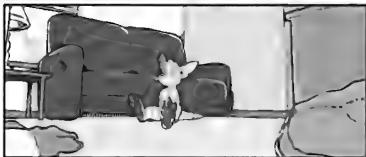
BUT PLEASE RELAX!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT SO WOUND UP ALL THE TIME

SEE YOU TOMORROW--



OKAY, ALI, I NEED TO RUN DOWN
TO THE CAR AND GET THE OTHER
TWO BASS OUT OF THE TRUNK
YOU STAY HERE OKAY?

POOT



THE HEAT!

GSYK--IS THERE A DAMN
THING IN HERE HE DIDN'T
TOUCH?!

I HAVE IT UNDER
CONTROL!

OH? DO YOU
HAVE THE INFERNO
DOWN TO A SLOW
BURN THEN?

BAAH!

HE'S DONE FINE WHEN
I'VE LEFT HIM ON HIS OWN
BEFORE!

YEAH, WHAT DID
YOU DO THEN, STUFF
HIM IN A CLOSET?!

NO! HE KNOWS
HOW TO ESCAPE
FROM THOSE!

BAAH!

YEAH,
I'M OUTTA
HERE

THANKS
FOR DINNER
I GUESS

BAAAAAHHHHHH















SHE HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH SHE WAS
GIVING ME A
A RUINOUS SOCIAL EMBARRASSMENT

SO I HAD MY FILL OF GIRLS-ONLY
EVENTS

BECAUSE ALL THE STRICTLY
ANY COMPANY I KEPT WITH BOYS



AND WHEN SHE LEARNED
YOU WERE ?

I THINK SHE'S STILL
IN DENIAL OVER IT

THE NEW GIRLS ONLY EVENT WAS
MY GRADUATION GIFT OR ANYTHING ...



YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH I WAS
GIVING YOU A
WE WERE ALL THERE AS USUAL



BUT THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT ME!
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?
WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?



OH







